Republic of the Philippines
Province of Negros Occidental
CITY OF HIMAMAYLAN
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020- 09-A
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ORDERING THE INDEFINITE SUSPENSION OF THE HIMAYA FESTIVAL 2020 AND ALL OTHER CROWD-GATHERING ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, Under Section 15, Article II of the Philippine Constitution, it is the State's Policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, Section 23, Article VI of the Philippine Constitution provides that in times of national emergency, the Congress may, by law, authorize the President, for a limited period and subject to such as restriction as it may prescribe, to exercise powers necessary and proper to carry out a declared national policy;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Republic Act (RA) NO. 11332 provides that the President of the Republic of the Philippines shall declare a State of Public Health Emergency in the event of an epidemic of national and/or international concern which threatens national security in order to mobilize government and non-government agencies to respond to the threat;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) has raised the COVID-19 Alert System to Code Red sublevel 1, which is a pre-emptive call to ensure that national and local governments and public and private health care providers can prepare for possible increase in suspected and confirmed cases;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020 the President issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Himamaylan City Sangguniang Panlungsod passed Resolution No. 20-045 entitled, *"Recommending the Postponement of the Himaya Festival 2020 Celebration in Compliance with Proclamation No. 922 of President Rodrigo R. Duterte"*.

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has confirmed the local transmission of Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) in the Philippines, with twenty-four (24) confirmed cases as of 10 o'clock in the evening of March 9, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROGELIO RAYMUND I. TONGSON, JR., City Mayor, Himamaylan City, by virtue of the powers vested by law, do hereby order the indefinite suspension of the Himaya Festival 2020 and all other crowd-gathering activities.

The issuance of this Executive Order is without prejudice to the government's delivery of basic services, subject to the taking of precautionary measures to ensure the safety and welfare of everybody.

Below are among the Guidelines for COVID-19, as follows:

1. To avoid mass gatherings, flag-raising ceremony for City Hall employees is suspended, and City Hall employees are instructed to clean and disinfect their personal spaces and offices, and areas that are frequently used by the public. Heads of offices are mandated to create a regular disinfection schedule for frequently touched surfaces inside their offices.

2. Employees are banned from receiving personal visitors. Only those who have transactions with the government are allowed in the offices.

3. Hand sanitizers or alcohol should be made available for the public before entering and leaving the offices.

4. Employees who have shortness of breath, fever, cough, cold and flu-like symptoms shall stay home and have themselve checked by a doctor. They should bring a doctor's clearance when reporting back to work.

5. Employees are prohibited to share food and utensils with others during meals in their offices. Everyone is required to bring their own re-usable dining wares.

6. Private Organizations, business establishments, and other offices are strongly encouraged to postpone non-essential mass gatherings until further notice.

7. Banks, hotels, resorts, restaurants, hospitals, places of worship, buses, jeepneys, taxis, ride-sharing vehicles, government offices, schools, malls, theaters, airports, taxi and van terminals, ports, civil courts, fitness gyms, recreational centers, funeral parlors, internet cafes, bars, coffee shops, mercado and all other places where people frequently gather should have their daily disinfection protocols for frequently touched surfaces.

8. Schools are encouraged to accelerate their school calendar and postpone graduation activities until further notice. However, we shall abide by the official advisory of the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education.

9. All Barangay celebrations and the conduct of caravan of government services shall be postponed until further notice. However, there shall be no disruption in the delivery of basic government services in the appropriate government building and offices.

10. Places of worship should come out with their guidelines in the conduct of activities for the observance of the lent and ramadan. All rituals and ceremonies pertaining to these religious activities that can be dispensed with is highly encouraged. Proper food handling during iftar should be observed.

11. People coming from abroad or considered Persons Under Investigation (PUI) or Persons Under Monitoring (PUM) shall strictly undergo home quarantine/self-quarantine for a period of at least 14 days.

12. People coming from high risk areas or areas with confirmed cases as declared by the Department of Health (DOH) are **strongly encouraged** to undergo home quarantine/self-quarantine for a period of at least 14 days.

13. Official travel of officials and employees - *especially outside of Negros Occidental* – should be minimized and shall be approved only based on very important reason and after taking into consideration the avoidance of crowd-gathering activity

14. All are hereby enjoined to review and abide by the DOH advisory pertinent to their organization:

- For workplace — DOLE Labor Advisory #4 Series 2020 and DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0056
- For Hospitals — DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0035
- For Airports and seaports — DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0063

- For residential communities — DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0059
- For schools — DOH Dept. Memo 2020-0055 and DepEd Memo 15 s. 2020
- For hotels and other similar establishments — DOH Dept. Memo 24. 2020-0057

PREVENTION ACTIONS TO HELP PREVENT SPREAD OF RESPIRATORY DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19:

https://www.cdc.gov/.../2019-.../about/prevention-treatment.html

- **Avoid close contact with people who are sick.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**
- **Stay home when you are sick.**
- **Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.**
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.**

To ensure that the foregoing preventive measures are properly implemented, I further declare that the Himamaylan City Emergency Center is hereby activated immediately.

Separability Clause. If any provision of this Order is declared invalid, or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Repealing Clause. All existing orders, rules and regulations or other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby revoked, modified or amended or revoked accordingly.

Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 11th day of March 2020 in the City of Himamaylan, Province of Negros Occidental.

ROGELIO RAYMUND I. TONGSON, JR.
City Mayor